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**WESTWAVE DANCE CELEBRATES ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY
SEASON OF CONTEMPORARY CHOREOGRAPHY**

Robert Moses, Amy Seiwert, and Mary Carbonara, among other local Bay Area luminaries to present new work

Performances in July through October at Z Space & ODC Theater

SAN FRANCISCO, May 23, 2011 – WestWave Dance celebrates its **20th anniversary season of contemporary choreography** at **San Francisco’s Z Space and ODC Theater**, July through October. The special anniversary season commemorates the success of the last two decades of WestWave Dance presenting **523 choreographers, 393 world premieres, 2,092 performances**, and countless thrilling moments.

“I am excited to celebrate WestWave Dance’s 20th anniversary season this summer and fall,” says **DanceArt, Inc. Executive Director Joan Lazarus**. “Our mission has always been to provide emerging and established choreographers an opportunity to show their work without the burden of self-producing. This season continues this important tradition in the Bay Area dance community.”

The 20th anniversary, 2011 season includes:

Tuesday, July 19 at Z Space: Special 20th Anniversary Gala Performance Chaired by Rob Bailis and Emceed by Keith Terry

- **6:30 pm silent auction, wine tasting and light refreshments**
- **8 pm performance featuring choreographers: Annie Rosenthal Parr, Amy Seiwert, Robert Moses, and special guests**
- **Dancers’ Wall of Fame: Honor and commemorate an artist of your choice by adding their names to the “ticker tape” real-time projection on the lobby wall at the Gala. \$20 per named artist. Visit www.westwavedancefestival.org to make your donation**

Friday, July 22, Saturday, July 23 and Sunday, July 24, 8 pm, Z Space:
SKETCH: New Works – a Commissioning Project by Amy Seiwert’s Imagery features **FOUR WORLD PREMIERES** by choreographers: **Matthew Neenan (Pennsylvania Ballet), Adam Houglund (Cincinnati & Louisville Ballets), and Susan Roemer (Smuin Ballet)**. **Dancers include: Andrea Basile, Sarah Bukowski, Jamielyn Duggan, Nicole Haskins, Private Freeman, Ben Needham-Wood, Travis Morrison,**

and Gabe Williams

Thursday, July 28 and Friday, July 29, 8 pm, Z Space: A collaboration between Manuelito Biag, Kara Davis, Alex Ketley, and Katie Faulkner

Saturday, July 30, 8 pm, Z Space: New & Nearly New Dances by Viktor Kabaniaev and Tina Kay Bohnstedt

Sunday, July 31, 8 pm, Z Space: Oakland Ballet's Graham Lustig, Andrew Skeels/coup d'état danse, Robert Dekkers, Yorke Dance Project, and Lisa Townsend

Monday, August 15, 8 pm, ODC Theater: SOLOS by Erin Derstine, Jazon Escultura, Maria Basile, Stacey Printz, Angela Mazziotta, Randee Paufve (Kate Weare), Sue Li-Jue/Facing East Dance & Music, and Suzanne Behrs

Monday, September 12, 8 pm, ODC Theater: DUETS featuring Ethan and Nikki White of White Tree Fine Art, Pearl Marill Dance Theater, Dana Lawton, Jean Isaacs (San Diego Dance Theater), Gina Bolles & Kyle Sorenson (somebodies dance theater), Mary Carbonara, and Randé Dorn Dance Company

Monday, October 10, 8 pm, ODC Theater: 3 or MORE featuring Christian Burns, dance ceres, Nhan Ho Project, Nicole Bridgens, BODYTRAFFIC (Alex Ketley), and Anandha Ray/Moving Arts Dance

CALENDAR EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE:

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WHERE: Z Space, 450 Florida Street, San Francisco
 ODC Theater, 3153 17th Street, San Francisco

TICKETS:

Tickets for the 2011 WestWave Dance season are priced as follows:

GALA: Tuesday, July 19, 6:30 pm silent auction, wine tasting and light refreshments, followed by 8 pm performance at Z Space: \$35 and up

For the rest of the season:
 \$22 General Admission in advance
 \$25 General Admission at the door
 \$18 Students and Seniors

Bang for the Buck (Monday, July 25, 7 pm, Z Space): \$10 at the door

Festival Pass (4 or more concert evenings, excluding the gala): \$17 per ticket
 Add the GALA for \$30 to the Festival Pass. To purchase a Festival Pass, please call 1-866-55-TICKETS or email info@danceartsf.org

Tickets can be purchased via phone: 1-866-55-TICKETS or via web site:
www.westwavedancefestival.org

About WestWave Dance

WestWave Dance presents contemporary choreography in a shared-program format in San Francisco. The Festival's mission is to provide veteran and newly-established choreographers of all cultures and disciplines, in and beyond the Bay Area, an opportunity to present their work in a professional venue in order to experiment, develop,

and refine their repertoires, and to build audiences without the burden of self-producing.

WestWave Dance is a project of DanceArt, Inc. www.danceartsf.org. The WestWave Dance season and other DanceArt, 2010-2011 programs are funded in part by: Grants for the Arts / San Francisco Hotel Tax Fund, San Francisco Arts Commission, National Endowment for the Arts, The Zellerbach Family Foundation, The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, The Wallace Alexander Gerbode Foundation, The Kenneth Rainin Foundation, and The Fleishhacker Foundation.

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